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## 'Unbiased Reporting' Noted

Editor, Dispatch:

The September 1964 issue of the Reader's Digest is a gem and should be read by any American who considers himself well informed this election year. Included in the notable list of pertinent topics are articles on the protection of your vote, the 1960 election was decided by less than one vote per precinct, the courageous battle against Communist subversion by Democratic Sen. Thomas Dodd of Connecticut, a look at the oft referred to "ranks of unemployment," an unbiased report of the evolution of the "Warren Court," a questioning of the obsolescence of the NATO alliance, a system whereby Latin American peasants are given the opportunity to better themselves through their own initiative and how this deters communism in the back-country "strongholds" of the Red Flood (without costly U. S. aid), and finally, the truth about the decisions which scuttled the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba, as ferreted out of Administration secrecy by a Cuban lawyer who spent three years compiling his material from such high officials as Richard M. Bissell of the CIA, charged with day-by-day supervision of the project and a man who sat in on all official meetings of the Administration's strategy group.

I, being a conservative (if I must take a label), do not agree with all the statements made, but that precisely is why this issue is so valuable.

The articles previously mentioned reach the pinnacle of unbiased reporting, indeed being but a statement of facts. It is up to the readers to think on these things, and to determine, in light of the facts, which major party best conforms to his own image of responsible politics, as will doubtlessly be revealed to him with slight conscious effort.

My only plea is that our good citizens take their eyes from the TV, and the sports sections of the paper long enough to read about the events they hear so many conflicting reports about and have the intellectual honesty to carefully consider who is right. We owe it to our country to be well informed, we owe it to our children to determine our concept of the proper course we ought to take, and we owe it to ourselves to consider issues on the facts, not biased reports spoken through the mouths of professional news men who give only their views of a vital subject and repress pertinent facts. Wake up and live free men.

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### Questions Use

Editor: In reference to your editorial "The CIA at Bay" on Sept. 2, why ~~not~~ question the use of our, the taxpayers', money by the CIA?

For too long you newspaper people have not used your right to question. You have been spoon-fed few new releases from Washington with no questions asked.

I think the people are now beginning to ask: "Can we believe our newspaper?" I also believe the answers are: "No, we cannot believe our newspapers."

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